## (iii) Sales-tax

**235.** Consequent upon the bifurcation of the combined Income-tax and Sales-tax Departments and the transfer of the Income-tax Department to the Central Government with effect from 1st April 1950 and the abolition of the post of the Commissioner of Income-tax *cum* Sales-tax from the said date, the Commissioner of Excise was appointed *Ex-officio* Commissioner of Sales-tax. The Deputy Commissioners' Divisions were reduced to two and that of the Sales-tax Officers to ten.

**236.** Orders were issued in November 1950 regarding the reorganisation of the Sales-tax Department increasing the number of Sales-tax Officers' Circles to 11 and that of the Assistant Sales-tax Officers' Circles to 30.

**237.** Rules 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 17 were amended owing to the change in the financial year, from July to June to that of April to March.

**238.** This is the third year of the introduction of sales-tax.

**239.** Some of the important changes made during the year were:—

Addition of clause (iv) was made to Rule 9 following the Mysore Sales-tax Amendment Act, 1950 (Act No. IV of 1950).

Exemption from Sales-tax was granted to druggets made of hand-spun yarn and woven on handlooms, subject to license and license fees, electric energy and newspapers.

**240.** Under Section 8, rebate of one-half of the tax in the case of the following types of articles of industrial manufacture was given :—

(i) Spare parts and other similar articles of Aircraft sold by the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., Bangalore.

(ii) Radio receivers and extruded plastic materials manufactured by Remco Ltd.. Bangalore.

**241.** Out of 21,924 registered dealers, 12,221 were assessed to tax and 5,587 treated as below taxable turnover. The amount of registration fee collected was Rs. 1,09,375. Dealers.

**242.** The number of licenses issued or renewed during the year was 1,047 and the amount of license fees collected was Rs. 2,42,763. Licenses.

REVENUE AND FINANCE

Finance.

243. The total net demand, collection and balance were Rs. 1,67,88,320, Rs. 1,26,28,771 and Rs. 41,59,549, respectively. A sum of Rs. 18,490 (Rs. 18,470) was collected in the shape of fines and penalties,

Appeal petitions.

244. There were 2,075 (1,676) appeals and 233 (79) revision petitions to be dealt with ; Of these, 1,997 (1,042) appeals and 151 (65) revision petitions were disposed of, leaving a balance of 78 (634) appeals and 82 (14) revision petitions at the close of the year.

Prosecutions.

245. Out of 652 prosecutions, 208 (35) were withdrawn, 28 (4) acquitted, and 196 were convicted, leaving a balance of 220 at the end of the year.

Offences.

246. The total number of offences of all categories under section 20 was 1,253 (1,116). In 368 (861) cases, the parties were let off with a warning. Eight hundred and seventy-seven (136) cases were compounded and 8 (169) cases were pending at the end of the year.

247. A sum of Rs. 13,88,379 (Rs. 16,92,611) was allowed as rebate and the claims pending in 173 (161) cases amounted to Rs. 4,52,585 (Rs. 1,09,687).

### (iv) Stamps.

248. Out of the total stock of 3,82,31,985 stamps of the value of Rs. 1,30,60,807, 2,72,66,729 stamps of the value of Rs. 57,28,037 were issued to the several District Treasuries, leaving a closing balance of 1,09,65,256 stamps of the aggregate value of Rs. 73,32,771 at the end of the year.

249. The total revenue realised from the sale of stamps amounted to Rs. 54,65,625 (Rs. 37,12,756). The total expenditure of the Department was Rs. 11,42,225 (Rs. 7,25,857), the net revenue during the year being Rs. 43,23,400 (Rs. 29,86,899).

250. Out of the total amount of Rs. 2,73,081 (Rs. 2,08,512) due to Government under institution fees awarded in pauper suits, a sum of Rs. 38,425 (Rs. 21,037) was recovered and a sum of Rs. 10,415 (Rs. 21,167) was remitted, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,24,242 (Rs. 2,00,968) to be recovered at the end of the year.

251. The levy of the stamp sur-charge fee at one per cent on transfer of immoveable property within the limits of Bhadravati, Doddaballapur, Chamarajanagar and Gubbi Municipalities was sanctioned.